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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

52943

Agenda Number

46.

Meeting Date:

December 17, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract with HAVERFIELD AVIATION INC., to provide aerial maintenance of electrical transmission lines, in an amount not to exceed \$530,700, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$265,350 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,326,750.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$243,238 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 14 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:

Sole bid received.

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Darralyn N. Johnson, Buyer II, 512 505-7293.

Boards and
Commission
Action:

November 16, 2015 - Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0 vote, with Commissioner Heidebrecht off the dais.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide aerial cleaning and maintenance services of Austin Energy's electrical transmission lines to maintain system reliability. These services include labor and equipment, such as helicopters, for washing insulators and maintaining transmission circuits with voltages ranging from 69 kV to 345 kV.

The washing is usually performed during one week a year to remove bird contamination and dirt build up on insulators which can negatively affect system reliability on the transmission grid. Additional maintenance services are performed on an as-needed basis. These services include aerial inspection of steel, wood, concrete and lattice tower structures, insulators, conductors and hardware, obtaining global positioning system points at each structure location, and static wire, spacer, or damper removal and/or installation.

There is currently no contract in place for these services, although Austin Energy has contracted for such services in the immediate past. Therefore, approval is requested to allow Austin Energy to efficiently obtain these required services.

MBE/WBE solicited: 19/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB DNJ0116

Aerial Maintenance

(13 line items)

Vendor

Total Bid Amount

Haverfield Aviation Inc.
Gettysburg, PA

\$265,350

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website at: https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/search.cfm

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid received. The bid opening date was extended in an effort to secure more bids without success. This service is highly specialized. Contractors who are capable of providing the required services are very limited.
- b. 362 notices were sent including 19 MBEs and one WBE. One bid was received with no response from the MBEs/WBE. Multiple notices may be sent to the same vendor, e.g. one vendor may have multiple email addresses/fax numbers.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 75.47% increase to the last contract award made October 2010. Haverfield Aviation is the most recent contractor. This is the first increase since 2002. The increase is due to a shortage of the experienced, qualified and specialized labor required for this work, increased rates for parts and maintenance for the aircrafts and higher costs of health and liability insurance coverages.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid received. Haverfield is the most recent provider of these services.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the internet.